### NORTHERN TRIBUNE.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 1883.

ANCIENT ASSYRIA.

Progress of the Work of Discovery tmong the Cittes of Habylonia.

Before the society of Biblical archeology in London, on March 6, Hormuzd Rassam read an interesting paper giving an account of his recent explorations in Assyria and Babylonia. The discovery which had generally been received as the most important by the Assyriologists was that of the ancient city of Sippara, or Sepharvaim, one of the oldest and most influential of the Babylonian cities. He then proceeded to give an account of the way in which he was induced to make explorations on the site of this city. In 1881, while spending the night in the house of the sheik of the village of Mahamoodia, about 15 miles southwest of Bagdad, he was shown by an Arab some fragments of brick and pottery bearing inscriptions in a character which he recognized to be that of the later Babylonian empire. The Arab who showed these fragments to me told me they came from the mound of Dair, about six miles distant, on the banks of the Yussifieh canal. Owing to the flooded state of the country at that time, Mr. Rassam and his guide had to take a somewhat circultous route to the spot, and in the course of this journey they passed by some ruins which proved far more attractive to the skilled explorer's eye than the mounds indicated by his guide. These were the mounds and earthen ramparts known as Tel Aboo Hubba—"the mound of the father of kisses." The citadel covers an area of about 1,500 by 400 feet and according to Mr. Rassam's ramparts known as Tel Aboo Hubba—
"the mound of the father of kisses." The citadel covers an area of about 1,500 by 400 feet and according to Mr. Rassam's estimate, has buried beneath it at least 300 chambers, courtyards and corridors. Mr. Rassam made a hasty inspection of the site, and the discovery of num-trous inscribed bricks and fragments of pottery soon proved this to be a site worth exploration. The work at Dair not proving successful on account of the extreme solidity of the walls and debris. Mr. Rassam moved to Aboo Hubba. Considerable difficulty was experienced in obtaining workmen, owing to the exorbitant ideas of wages entertained by the inhabitants of the neighboring villages; but, by availing himself of the passing bands of Shiah pilgrims, chiefly Persians and Kurtis, Mr. Rassam was able to begin work and shortly to reduce the Arab workmen to terms. So well did he succeed that in a short time he was allowed to occupy rooms adjacent to the shrine of the local saint, Seyd Abdallah, and to store his antiques within the sacred precincts. After a fewdays' work the excavators came in contact with the walls of an extensive edifice, and, fol-

and to store his antiques within the sacred precincts. After a few days' work the excavators came in contact with the walls of an extensive edifice, and, following the lines of these remains, soon ascertained the plan of the building. There have already been described in the Times the main features of the building, but the extensive explorations carried on during the expedition of Mr. Rassam having uncovered more than 130 chambers, with the court yards and passages, a much more extensive knowledge of the size and importance of the building is now attainable. In one of the chambers on the eastern face of the great quadrangle Mr. Rassam stated that there were found nearly 40,000 inscribed tablets. These precious records being of unbuked clay and not of the harder baked material such as was in general use, crumbled when exposed to the air, but, by an ingenious process of baking immediately after discovery, large numbers—indeed nearly all—have been preserved and transmitted to England. These records chiefly relate to the times, dues, and pious donations received by the temple authorities from B. C. 625 to the fall of the Persian empire. In addition to these records, in other portions of the building were found terra cotta barrel cylinders bearing inscriptions of Nabuchuadnezzar and Nabonidus and memorial tablets of the kings of the Chatdean empire. Mr. Rassam then proceeded to give a description of the architectural features vulcan iron works, Chicago, Ill Imarou and Nabouldus and memorial tablets of the kings of the Chaidean empire. Mr. Rassam then proceeded to give a description of the architectural features exhibited by the ruins of Aboo Hubba. The buildings were different in style from those found at Babylon or Nineveh, and from a careful inspection he gathered that the city was divided into two portions—the one a vast religious center, consisting of a temple priests' quarter, with royal residences and offices attached. Each block of buildings was surrounded by a strong breastwork wall, faced with kiln-burnt bricks. The entral or religious portion had evidently at some time been allowed to fall into decay, and much debris filled the room. Upon this debris filled the recognition of this fact that led him to search beneath the asphalt pavement in the temple for ancient records and he was rewarded by the discovery of the coffer containing the ancient foundation records of the temple. Having described his work at Aboo Hubba, Mr. Rassam gave a very interesting account of the surrounding country, especially of the Yussileh canal, the ancient Nahr Malka. He then briefly described his work wupon these mounds of Tel-Ibraheen, about 10 miles east of Babylon—the site of the ancient city of Kutha—a city which, like Sippar of Sepharyaim, was a great religious center and also one of the edites from which the Samaritan colonists were taken. The works upon the enties of Babylon, which he had conducted, had been most successful, resulting furdens." In the Babel mound, situated without the enceinte of Babylon, Mr. Rassam found fraces of extensive hydraulic works. The mound is next in height to the Birs Nimruod. In the central portion were found four most beautifully constructed wells, lined with red stone, close-jointed cylinders. These wells were connected with a large subtrance neamle. Upon clearing this, Mr. Rassam found a water connection with the Euphrates. His excavations

in the mound of Birs Nimroud, on the west of the Euphrates, resulted in the discovery of richly-decorated chambers and halls, and in the recovery of a curious bronze plate forming part of the threshold of the temple of Nebo, the patron deity of the later Babylonian empire. Mr. Rassam concluded an interesting paper by hoping that ever effort would be made to obtain a renewal of the firman necessary to carry on the important work in Babylonia.

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